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USFWS and NMFS Announce Final City of Kent HCP

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (jointly Services) today announced the availability for comment of an application for a Habitat Conservation Plan for the City of Kent. The plan is proposed to provide the city incidental take coverage for three species of fish protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act and for six other species of fish covered under other Services jurisdiction.

The documents published today in the Federal Register by the Services include a final Habitat Conservation Plan, a final environmental impact statement and the HCP implementation agreement. The final documents are posted on the Internet at: <http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/>.

The public is invited to submit comments and any other relevant information. Please submit written comments to Tim Romanski, Project Lead, FWS, by U.S. mail to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, FWS, 510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 102, Lacey, WA 98503-1273; or by facsimile at (360) 753-9518. Alternatively, you may send comments to Matt Longenbaugh, Project Lead, NMFS, 510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 103, Lacey, WA 98503; by facsimile at (360) 753-9517. All comments must be received on or before August 4, 2011.

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